TUESDAY.

WEDNESDAY.

Dania.

Quiet prevalls on the Saloniki front.

French aeros bombard Bulgaria positions at Petrik.

THURSDAY. Montenegrins report annihilation of Austrian detachment and capture of 1,500 prisoners on the Sanjals front. Berlin announces victory over combined Italian and Serbian forces in Al-

FRIDAY.

Quiet prevails in practically the whole

AUSTRO-ITALIAN ARENA.

Chronological Events.

Intense artillery engagements prevail

tacks on the southern part of Doberdo

MONDAY.

TUESDAY.

WEDNESDAY.

Italians report dispersal of Austrian convoys at Por.
Austrians fail in attempt to disturb

Austrians fail in attempt to disturb work of strengthening Italian lines west of Gorizia and on the Carso. Italians repulsed on Monte Barbonile and in the region of Col di Lana, ac-cording to Vienna.

Italians report repulse of several Austrian attacks south of Rovereto and n Col di Lana region.

THURSDAY.

FRIDAY.

Vienna reports repulse of two at acks southeast of Horbole.

THE DARDANELLES.

Chronological Events. SUNDAY.

Bahr. Turks report damage to enemy

MONDAY. Turks silence guns of allied cruiser and torpedo boat at Anafarta, compell-ing them to withdraw. Violent grenade fighting near Seddul Bahr.

TUESDAY. French cruiser bombards Turkish bat-teries on Anatolian coast. Turks re-port vessel hit with shells and later en-

WEDNESDAY. Turks bombard allied positions Seddul Bahr and Tekke Burnu. THURSDAY. Violent rifle and bomb fighting near seddul Bahr and over practically the whole Gallipoli front. FRIDAY.

Turks shell allied positions at Seddul

Germans Overcome Difficulties of Al-

trenches at this point. Turks report bringing down my flier near Birelsabe.

veloped in flames.

ver Tyrol-Trentino-Carnia front.

Success claimed by Italians

heavy explosions

STORM CLOUD HOVERS OVER ENGLAND AS GOVERNMENT PREPARES TO PRESS LIMITED CONSCRIPTION TO MEET NEEDS

PREMIER ASQUITH,

keenest diplomacy to keep his confi-

for Concerted Drive. ous points, been

able to straighten their lines to a certain degree. Ammunition and guns have been furnished in plenty since a

woeful shortage became apparent in the German drive on Warsaw, Riga and

Dvinsk. The morale of the Russian

the hope has been expressed among the allied nations that once a new

soldiers is declared to be excellent and

is declared they eventually were hurled

that another effort may be made to reach Paris. That the allies are ready

for any such move is confidently as-

A concerted move against the rein-

forced and re-equipped Serbians in Al-

by the Montenegrins. possibility,

and the fact that the Italians have been

co-operating with the Serbians makes such a move on the part of the Teutons

seem advisable. The Austrians are

in their campaign against Montenegro

and this little kingdom claims that the invaders have been thrown back

Austrians Checked

bania is not

without the

serted.

Premier Asquith Will Be Forced to Act Wisely to Avoid Impending Strife.

NATION WOULD CLING TO CHERISHED TRADITION

Laborites, Ireland and South Wales Miners Already Are Threatening Trouble.

BY OLIVER OWEN KUHN.

most sacred-"The Briton always is eady to die for his nation, his empire. As the new year dawns with its clat terror over practically the whole of Europe, Britons today stand face to face with forced abandonment of their cherished boast.

England has awakened to the fact that if she is to win the great war now being waged against the Germanic nations and their allies she must have nen, more men, hundreds of thousand The government has called again and again, advertised, schemed and devised ways to attract the needed forces. Admittedly it has failed. Now it is forced to take drastic steps-forced attestation and possibly eventually drastic conscription.

drastic conscription.

The little speck which appeared over Great Britain's horizon three months back now is a thunder cloud. It is expected to break into a terrific storm unless the present government steers its perilous course wisely.

There are hundreds of thousands of people in Great Britain who cannot forget the old and almost sacred motto on their national escutcheon. They are eager to win the war, but believe that the needed men can be obtained in other ways than even abbreviated forms of conscription. It is these people, who have firm champions in Premier Asquith's cabinet, who threaten to vent their indignation upon the govto vent their indignation upon the government as is at present constituted if it dares violate tradition. That the government itself realizes how delicate the situation is is indicated by a portion of an official statement issued durious that once a new and general offensive was attempted by the czar's men it would be of such government itself realizes how delicate the allied nations that once a new and general offensive was attempted by the czar's men it would be of such accordance in the allied nations that once a new and general offensive was attempted by the czar's men it would be of such accordance in the allied nations that once a new and general offensive was attempted by the czar's men it would be of such accordance in the allied nations that once a new and general offensive was attempted by the czar's men it would be of such accordance in the control of the strength of the capture in the allied nations that once a new and general offensive was attempted by the czar's men it would be of such accordance in the situation is is indicated by a portion of an official statement issued durions.

character as to drive the Germans and drive the situation is is indicated by a portion of an official statement issued during the week, designed to curtail popular feeling on the conscription issue, which said:

"In a matter which touches so many ingrained prejudices the government may be expected to move warily. The ministers must be prepared for some opposition to their proposals, however limited in form."

Premier Asquith formally has announced that it will be necessary to adopt some Measure Aimed compulsory.

Against "Slackers." method whereportion of England's slackers—those men who refuse to enlist—will be forced to do so. First measures will be directed against the single men who up to date have been apathetic in regard to the war and on one pretext or another have refused to join the colors.

Premier Asquith has a non-included the present official plan to force the Australans and Germans to detach a large part of their present official plan to force the Australans and Germans to detach a large part of their present official plan to force the Australans and Germans to detach a large part of a general plan to move warily. The winter weather, which has a large part of a general plan to move warily. The winter weather, which has a large part of a general plan to move warily. The winter weather, which has a large part of a general plan to move warily. The winter weather, which has a large part of a general plan to move the present official plan to move the present official plan to move the present of a general plan to move the part of a general plan to move the present of a general plan to move the present of a general plan to move the present of a general plan to move the part of a general plan to move the present of a general plan to move the pr

gard to the war and on one pretext or another have refused to join the colors. Premier Asquith has promised the married men of the nation that they will be the last to be called.

Upon announcement of the government's policy there immediately arose discord in the cabinet, and several members are reported to have announced their intention of resigning. Possibly a few will do so, but it is generally believed that a moderate form of conscription, such as compulsory attestation, will keep several of those opposing complete and sweeping compulsion in the cabinet. Premier Asaw of battle has seen the Kaiser and his generals to forego incursion into the near east and his generals to fore the near east and his generals to fore death the western front during the contests whic with is said to have gained already the ascendancy one day and the Teu-eknowledgment from several of the tons on top the next. Particularly viostanchest anti-conscriptionists that lent engagements have occurred about something of firm character must be Herzstein, three miles southwest of something of firm character must be done. The government is framing its bill, which will be introduced in the house of commons during the present week. Even should Premier Asquith be successful in retaining the major part of his cabinet, a storm is sure to arise over the nation. The laborites everywhere have made threats every time conscription has been hinted, and are largely responsible for forcing the Earl of Derby plan, which has been civen a try-out. They are expected to c, eate trouble for any measure savoring of conscription when it reaches the house. Ireland also is firmly opposed to the idea of forcing her men into the army, and it is reported that the government measure will studiously avoid.

Henrystein, three miles southwest of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, where a battle has been raging for almost two weeks. The French at the present juncture claim to be still holding the positions between Armentiers at Herzstein have completely which they were the nation. The laborites at Herzstein have occurred about two weeks. Artillery action continues in Hartmanns-Weilerkopf which they manns-Weilerkopf which they were week. The French at the present juncture claim to be still holding the positions between Armentiers at Herzstein have completely broken down.

FRIDAY.

Allies report successful bombardment of German first and second lines of trenches in Belgium.

German battery silenced near 'Sois-sons.

Artillery action continues in Hartmanns-Weilerkopf region.

The French at the present juncture claim to be still holding the positions between Armentiers at Herzstein have completely broken down.

FRIDAY.

Allies report successful bombardment of German work west of Soupier demolished by allied fire.

French report region.

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The French at the present juncture claim to be still holding the positions and British aeros. Each belligerent loses one machine.

Fried Present parties of the present juncture claim to be still holding the positions and British aero army, and it is reported that the government measure will studiously avoid application to Ireland. The tens of thousands of miners in south Wales who have caused the British government much worry since the war broke out, and in many ways demonstrated their lack of patriotic sympathy for the present conflict, have sounded notes of defiance. Great interest centers in the great conference of trades unionists of the nation which will be held during the coming week to take action on the novernment's plan. It is significant to be held until January 6, a date after the introduction of the government's measure in the commons. Premeir Asquith and his supporters are showing great anxiety over the possible reception of their proposed measure, this heing admitted by the press of London.

that England will not be torn by internal strife, May Seek to Avoid which, it is a d mitted, Conscription Stigma. Would prove greatly deterrent to the cause of the allies from the standpoint of morale, feel that possibly the government's determined threat will force a great majority of the slackers to make immediate attestation in order to avoid the stigma of being forced into the ranks. They hope that England never will be compelled to fall back upon her proposed conscription plan, which will become law if it surmounts the parliamentary breakers ahead.

In addition to the conscription turmoil in Great Britain, the past week has been marked by the resumption of determined fighting on the eastern and conscripted to the plant of the proposed conscription of the slackers to make important plant and the parliamentary breakers ahead.

In addition to the conscription turmoil in Great Britain, the past week has been marked by the resumption of determined fighting on the eastern and conscripted to the plant of the past week has been marked by the resumption of the strongest fortified cities in an order to avoid the sound the "Forward" cry immediately. The france-British armies are declared to the belief that the allies will sound the "Forward" cry immediately. The force in the fettle, thoroughly the force in excellent fettle, thoroughly the equipped and in every way prepared to be in excellent fettle, thoroughly requipped and in every way prepared to be in excellent fettle, thoroughly the equipped and in every way prepared to be in excellent fettle, thoroughly requipped and in every way prepared to be first proposed of france and sustained offensive designed to drive the German of France and Belgium. It is declared that they are only waiting for improved weather in order that the success of such a move missing the proposed of the strongest fortight cities in the sustaination of the pripage and in every way prepared to the results of the proposed conscription to the case of such a move mass, on Austrian positions on the Bessarabian border are reported celeared to the f

Those who are hoping against hope

western battle fronts. Events would make it appear that the flercest en-gagements during the remainder of the winter will occur on these fronts. The winter will occur on these fronts. The Germans are reported to have greatly reinforced their lines in the west and to have sent large forces back along the eastern line to face the Russians, activities between the allies and Germanic forces in the Balkans having come to a standstill for the time being. That one of the big battles of the war is being fought on the southwestern section of the eastern line is admitted in Vienna and Petrograd. Vienna declares that "great masses" of Russians are being hurled against the Austrians, although claiming that all of these attacks have been repulsed, Vienna at no time has made any pretense of belittling the effort of the enemy or discounting the seriousness of the Russian offensive effort. Latest dispatches indicate that there may be a great change along this section of the sustant front within the there may be a great change along this section of the eastern front within the next few days. The present great Russian offensive, which seems to be not confined solely to the southwestern secconfined solely to the southwestern section, was foreshadowed last week when the war minister announced to the people of Russia that hig events could be expected. Along the Riga section of the line and in the regions about Dvinsk, where some of the bloodiest

Fierce Fighting Is Resumed on Both Eastern and Western Fronts.

GIGANTIC OFFENSIVE **EXPECTED OF RUSSIANS**

Engagements in Vosges of Terrible Character-Allies at Saloniki Are Optimistic.

have weakened their Montenegrin front, for, while operating with full forces, they penetrated almost thirty miles on Montenegrin soil, winning al-Despite the activity of the entente-powers on the several fronts, it is declared in Constantinople that the German and Turkish threat against Egypt and the Suez canal is about to be realized. The Germans are send-ing great guns to Constantinople, and these, with their mountings, are to be sent to points where they can shell conscription in England, must exert

these, with their mountings, are to be sent to points where they can shell the canal from long distances. Turkish forces continue to be prepared for the Egyptian drive and Constantinople and Berlin both report continued successes for the Arabs in their activities against the British in Africa.

It is generally believed in the capitals of all belligerent nations that vital events, which will have a great bearing on the outcome of the present general conflict are about to come to pass. Just where the chief blows will be struck is a matter of confecture but that the military hammer is sure to fall heavily within the next week on at least one of the several battle fronts is confidently believed. fought, the Germans and Russians al-ternately have made attacks of im-After the "great retreat" in the summer and fall, the Russians, by sporadie offens-Russ in Good Shape ives at vari-

WESTERN ARENA.

Chronological Events.

SUNDAY. Mining operations and intense artillery actions prevail over many sections of the front. MONDAY.

Allied monitor bombards Westende character as to drive the Germans and Austrians from Russian soil. Whether or not that offensive is now on re-

German ammunition depots exploded

EASTERN ARENA.

Chronological Events.

SUNDAY. Russians report silencing of severa enemy batteries on the Riga front. Gernfans attack Russians Bouth indicates that a determined offensive is Ikskul, under cover of gas. MONDAY.

Russian reconnoitering parties reported repulsed near Berestiany, northwest of Czartorysk.

Russians report destruction of German post at Schmarden, and one at Novo Podcherevitchi. TUESDAY.

Eight Russian attacks, since Christ-Eight Russian attacks, since Christ-mas, on Austrian positions on the Bess-arabia border are reported repulsed.
Russians report repulse of German attack south of Lake Babbit in the Riga region.
Russians report desperate fighting south of the Pripet and in Galicia.

oughly intrenched themselves before Saloniki, and that port has been made one of the strongest fortified cities in all Europe. Additional forces are being landed daily. The Austrians and Germans are reported to be withdrawing large forces from the main battle front, leaving the Turks and Bulgarians to care for this section. tensity.
Austrians report repulse of Russians on Ikwa-Putilowka front.
Russians reported hadly defeated in attack at Burkanow bridgehead.

FRIDAY. Desperate engagements reported south of Pripet.
Austrians report repulse of several
Russ attacks between Buczacz and Wis-Russian losses in East Galicia are re-ported to be heavy.

BALKAN ARENA.

Chronological Events.

SUNDAY. Montenegrins report further advances against the Austrians, capturing Goudouche, Donevo and Dobrido from the

MONDAY.

nent. Montenegrins repulse Austrians a Lioubovia. **VAST BUSINESS HIVE** Montenegrins reported to have re-tired from Godjewe to Bijoca. Italian forces landed at Avigna re-ported to have reached northern fron-tier of Epirus.

Montenegrins report repulse of Austrians at several points and claim to have inflicted great losses on the foe. Italian forces occupy Durazze, Alent Tells of Personal Visit in the Field.

> **GERMAN ARMY LIKENED** TO BIG TRADE INDUSTRY

bined Italian and Serolan loves in Arbania.

Rome hears reports that Essad Pasha, provincial president of Albania, has declared war on Austria and Bulgaria.

Withdrawal of Austro-German forces on the Macedonian frontier is reported. British reported to have debarked troops at Kavala.

Allies arrest German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian consuls at Saloniki as result of enemy air raids.

FRIDAY. Officers Are Branch Managers and Private Soldiers Take Place of Employes About Office.

general headquarters in the field of the nent of a large business. The officers

are branch managers whom convention and necessity has stuck into uniforms, and the private soldiers take the place of employes about the office. For their stereotyped garb there is no better reason than that combatants, according to military law, must indicate their status by distinct dress. Beyond that a general headquarters is not a military instruction in the popular conception of that terms. It is purely an administrative office constantly organizing and reorganizing.

War on a scale as the European struggle has reached becomes, by the huge demands it makes, by the pressure it exerts upon participating individuals, and by the recurrence of the necessity for doing a certain thing, a business. Even the head of the group, the commander, the tactician and strategist, is again and again confronted with the same demands of the military situation; there are times when he must leave minor tactical details to his staff officers, and all phases of his work which recur too often, and are, therefore commonest he must leave in are branch managers whom convention Italian artillery fire against Austrian batteries near Cologna causes several counters in the valleys of the Rio Cameras and Maggio torrent.

Austria reports considerable losses for the Italians in the Etsch valley, south of Rovereto. Italians continue work of strengthen-ing their lines over the whole front. Austrians report fighting south and southeast of Tyrol.

Life at Headquarters Described. The character of an army is best judged by conditions prevailing at base headquarters. The Associated Press correspondent spent two hours at the one in question. The captain in charge, a young man of about thirty-six, presided in an inner office. Several noncommissioned officers sat at tables in an outer room. Officers and men came for this and that, usually addressing a sergeant. The brusque demeanor toward subordinates with which the German officer has been associated was wholly absent. Several officers wanted wheel transportation. The character of an army is best

absent. Several officers wanted wheel transportation.

"Sorry, sir! None available at this moment," the sergeant would say.
One of the officers thought he would have to get a wagon, no matter how. This attitude took the case out of the sergeant's hands. Just then the bare commander entered the outer room. The officer turned to him with an introduction of himself by himself and a vigorous clack of his heels.

"Very sorry! Have no wagons here just now," said the base chief in a friendly tone, which for all of its warmth told the other that the information given by the sergeant should have sufficed.

A major entered. He had been sent from Berlin to superintend the harvest of the grapes, which were on the verge of rotting on the hillsides, but whose juice would be welcome to the wounded in the hespitals. It seemed that he had caused a large and suitable cellar to be cleared for the barrels in which the juice was to be stored. During the night a cavalry organization had needed shelter for its horses and had used the cellar for this purpose. The major was indignant.

"That will happen." said the captain.

Bahr and Tekke Burnu.
Turk aero drops bombs on transport
and armed ship Swiftsure. "Get the cellar cleaned again and then we'll station a guard there."

The incident was settled. But the that against Russia in the Caucasus,

TO STRIKE AT ENGLAND THROUGH EGYPT IS NOT A NEW STRATEGIC CONCEPTION, DECLARES WRITER ON EUROPEAN WAR

Associated Press Correspond- Frank H. Simonds Characterizes the Suez Canal as the "Exposed Heel of the British Achilles" — Phases of the Campaign Brought Under Observation.

BY FRANK H. SIMONDS,

of water save for a few wells, which the Turks and the Germans must follow from the Mecca railroad, which they are to quit near the Dead sea.

ondence of the Associated Press A TOWN IN SERBIA, December 10 .-

a dangerous competitor to a contract of ganization in the same field.

Such is the impression one gains at the general headquarters of Field Marshall von Mackensen, presiding genius of the Austro-Hungarlan-German forces in Serbia. In this establishment everything moves noiselessly, frictionless, positively, at a speed which is not expressed in revolutions of machinery, but in the pulse-beats of a great, expansion-seeking and seemingly inexhaustible force.

Serbian Campaign Disagreeable.

major had more trouble. He did not have men enough to gather the grapes, and what men he had were none too proficient.

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Germans Overcome Difficulties of Almost Impassable Roads by Wonderful System.

| Correspondence of the Associated Press. | In The Argonness, France, December 10.—"All aboard for Bagdad." Such was the humorous suggestion of a sprightly German officer as the tiny engine on the Argonne railway whistled | landsturm men from some town in the Palatinate or along the Rhine. They would enjoy the trip."

The major said he would do that and left fully satisfied.
The campaign in Serbia has been disagreeable enough to have soured the disposition of anybody. Rains have fallen constantly, and men figure no longer on the absence of mud, but on how little there is. Everybody rejoices when the mud is only ankle deep, and roads are called bad only when the slush runs into the topboots from above.

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recurrence of the necessity for doing a certain thing, a business. Even the head of the group, the commander, the tactician and strategist, is again and again confronted with the same demands of the military situation; there are times when he must leave minor tactical details to his staff officers, and all phases of his work which recur too often, and are, therefore, commonest, he must leave in the hands of subordinates altogether. General headquarters is, in other words, an aggregate of trained managers and workers, which could successfully run any enterprise, and which, by virtue of its discipline among all concerned, would be a dangerous competitor to a civilian organization in the same field.

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**Title Head and the first treops, German led, has been discussed in all the various their main attack last year. The importance of the point is plain from the map Just to the north, near the first first being on the map Just to the north, near the street and has become the exposed the waterway that the Water and they have seen the fall of the fall of the first has been discussed in all the various the first having and they are the military stuation; the fall of the fall of the fall of the first have been forecasting the fall of the support and the port has been discussed in the same demands of the British Empire. For these writers the support and the water and they are the fall of the support and the water and they are the fall of the fall of the fall of the fall of t

The Limit of Profit.

On the other hand, it must be recogproficient.

"Very well: We can fix that Ask Berlin to send you a hundred or so of landsturm men from some town in the Palatinate or along the Rhine. They would enjoy the trip."

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To munition such a force at the end of 1.500 miles of single track railroad, and the Bosporous, a railroad that is broken in the Taurus by a difficult transfer over rocky mountain roads, often snowblocked for days in winter, will not be an easy task; it may be impossible to supply a force as large. But, taking things as they appear, there is a reasonable chance that the Todestroy the canal temporarily would bring only a limited amount of profit. While the through that is of steaming, there would still be open transfer over rocky mountain roads, often snowblocked for days in winter, will not be an easy task; it may be impossible to supply a force as large. But, taking things as they appear, there is a reasonable chance that the Germans have considerably exagger.

of water shut off the invaders from the canal.

But at El Kantara, which in Arabic means "bridge," the ancient caravan loniki if necessary, and she has a sure source of aid in her fleet and in the Author of "The Great War."

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To strike at Britain through Egypt is no new strategic conception. Napoleon tried it in the closing year of the eighteenth century. His early successes there were considerable. He took Alexandria, won a battle under the shadow of the pyramids, from which many centuries, as he reminded his soldiers, looked down upon them. He captured Cairo and ruled in Egypt for some months. What is even more interesting at the present moment is the fact that he took an army of more

on the fact that he took an army of more than 10,000 French soldiers across the desert into Syria, won a victory at El Arish, on the Egyptian boundary, but met the first great defeat of his life before the walls of Acre, a defeat at the hands of a British fleet and a garrison reinforced by British troops.

For many years the dream of striking the British through Suez and with the aid of Turkish troops, German led, has been discussed in all the various yolumes of the German writers, who have been forecasting the fall of British Empire.

immediate loss to Great Britain. If the attempt is made and falls, Germany loses her last lever upon British opinion. So far as Britain is concerned she will have shot her last boit.

Like the Balkan adventure, I believe the Egyptian conception is from the German point of view political rather than military. Perhaps there are Germans who believe that the capture of Egypt would bring Britain to heel, but they are not the men in charge of German military affairs. Yet the effect upon the world of the menace has already been considerable. It opens new horizons to the German public, whose hatred of the British has grown in recent months as the immunity of Britain from injury has been more and more appreciated.

But Egypt, like the Balkans, is essentially a sideshow. The war must be won in Flanders and Poland. Napoleon discovered his mistake in Egypt and returned to France. He was carried away by a dream as romantic as the present Teutonic conception, but he gave it up soon.

Meantime it is well to think of the

room growth of a wonderful military camp in the old port city, is situated a saintly monastic community, peaceful, reflective, a religious republic th ough the dark ages of the Balkans," begins a bulletin just issued by the National Geographic Society, which tells of the Christian stronghold on Mount Athos that persisted in thriving for years within the boundaries of the Ottoman empire.

"Legend makes the rugged mountain holy in the eyes of all near eastern Christians, and, moreover, the same legend has to do with some of the present-day discomforts of life there high above the blue Agenn. It is recorded that the blessed virgin rescued